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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2001, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks below.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26-28, 30, 32, 46, 50, and 51 as follows.

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1. (Amended) An active halogen containing solid unit containing a halogen source and a source of dye, the solid unit comprising:
- (a) about 1 to 90 wt% of a source of halogen; and about 10 to about 200 parts by weight of the source of halogen per each part of dye; and
 - (b) a source of a dye, the dye comprising a particulate dye having a minimum particle size of about 200 microns; the dye, when reacted with the active source of halogen, changing or depleting its color over a predetermined time of 15 minutes to 24 hours;
- wherein the solid unit comprises a major dimension greater than about 2 millimeters and a weight greater than about 2 grams, the solid unit substantially free of an amount of free water sufficient to act as a reaction medium between the solid halogen source and the dye.
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